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## Going green at Trent University means spending a little extra for 100% recycled paper

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Trent University is spending a little extra green to make the four million sheets of paper used on campus every year as green as possible.

All departments on campus have been asked to look for ways to become more environmentally sustainable, says Trent's print shop manager Bill Bowers.

The university made the move from 30% recycled to 100% post-consumer paper for all campus copiers and printers, he said.



The paper is Enviro 100 and carries the Forest Stewardship Council label and the EcoLogo label, which both indicate environmentally preferable products.

There is a small cost increase, Bowers said, which works out to about \$1 per 1,000 pages or \$4,000 more each year.

"We decided it was worth the cost," he said.

Trent uses about four million sheets of paper each year, Bowers said.

The new paper will be used in all 53 campus photocopiers as well as all desktop and laser printers, he said.

"We printed all the December exams on the new paper," Bowers said. "This is such an easy way to make a difference."

The paper switch saves 443 trees, equalling about 57 tonnes of wood.

While some universities in the province are also making the switch, Trent is committed to leading the way in being green, he said.

"There is a reluctance at other universities, but more and more are going this way," he said. "We want to set a standard and hopefully other universities will come along."

Shelley Strain, the university's sustainability co-ordinator, could not be reached for comment.

Along with new paper, Trent has also started purchasing exclusively environmentally responsible products.

All cleaning products used on campus now have the Environmental Choice EcoLogo or Green Seal certification.

Wayne Craft, manager of facilities services, could not be reached for comment on the cost of the new green cleaning supplies.

NOTES: Trent University recently signed the Council of Ontario Universities Sustainability Pledge, which commits Trent to continue to lead in environmental stewardship, preserve green space, construct sustainable facilities and reduce energy consumption. The pledge was signed by 21 Ontario colleges and universities in November.